

DISCOVERY PARK PROGRAM CONFIRMATION LETTER

Check in time at the Visitor Center will be fifteen minutes before your program. Do not unload students until speaking to a naturalist. Further transportation may be necessary. During this time, students may use the restroom, put nametags on or otherwise prepare for the trip.

Before your trip to the park, please address the following:

FIELD TRIP LOGISTICS

- ❑ Prepare nametags for your groups so the naturalists may call participants by name.
- ❑ Divide participants into groups of 15 or less for 1st–8th Grades, 10 or less for preschool and kindergarten.
- ❑ Each Naturalist will guide maximum of 15 1st-8th graders or 10 preschoolers or kindergartners

DISCUSS WITH STUDENTS

- ❑ Discovery Park is a nature preserve. Picking a plant or removing a shell may be taking an animal's food or shelter. Remind everyone to handle animals gently and return rocks, wood and other living things to their original places.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

- ❑ All programs are done rain or shine. Wear closed shoes and bring raingear.
- ❑ Umbrellas are not appropriate. Please leave them at home.

FOR INSECT OR BUGS PROGRAMS

- ❑ Be advised that we will be going off-trail a bit into a tall grass meadow. Children with allergies may have a reaction.

If you have any further questions, please contact our registrar at (206) 386-4236. Thank you for choosing to bring your group to Discovery Park. See you at the park!



Discovery Park Environmental Education Programs
3801 W. Government Way, Seattle, WA 98199
COME PREPARED TO LOOK, LISTEN, LEARN AND
DISCOVER



CHAPERONE CHECKLIST

As a chaperone, you are responsible for assisting the group leader and the park guide in making the group's visit to Discovery Park the best learning experience possible.

Please do not bring children who are not members of the registered group with you.

This includes younger siblings in back-packs.

All participants must be at least 3 years of age.

BEFORE YOUR TRIP TO THE PARK

- ☐ Make sure all participants have nametags. (Leader should have nametags).
- ☐ Know how to get to Discovery Park or program site. Directions are on reverse side.
- ☐ Check to see that you and all program participants are adequately dressed for the weather, including appropriate footwear for walking outdoors. Programs take place rain or shine. Beaches and meadows may be wet and windy; forests can be cool and damp. For beach or pond programs, wear boots or old shoes; on all beach programs shoes will get wet.

Your students are:

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DURING YOUR TRIP TO THE PARK PLEASE ASSIST THE GROUP:

- ☐ Make sure all group members use the restrooms before the program begins.
- ☐ Please save personal conversations until after the program to avoid distracting chatter.
- ☐ Leave all cell phones and pagers at home.

FAMILIARIZE PARTICIPANTS WITH PARK GUIDELINES:

- ☐ Participants must remain with their chaperones at all times. Two chaperones are required for each group of 15.
- ☐ Discovery Park and other natural places are homes for many plants and animals. Visitors are asked to behave as they would as a guest in anyone's home—with respect and consideration.
- ☐ Participants need to show respect for themselves, each other and their environment.
- ☐ Participants need to stay on trails at all times unless the guide asks them to do otherwise.
- ☐ Participants need to use appropriate voice levels and language.
- ☐ Participants should not eat, drink, or chew gum while with the guide.
- ☐ Take advantage of recycling and waste containers.

CHILDREN ARE MORE INCLINED TO BE INVOLVED IF ADULTS ARE INVOLVED. If the guide splits members into pairs or small groups, please rove among the children, encourage their exploration and reinforce conduct guidelines.

Teachers/Leaders: Please make copies of this checklist for all chaperones and bring it with you on your field trip for reference.



Directions to Discovery Park

Heading North on I-5: Take the Mercer Street exit. Go right at first stoplight. At next set of stoplights go left. Stay in far right lane that merges onto Westlake Avenue N. Follow Westlake until you reach the Nickerson Street. Go straight on Nickerson Street past Fremont Bridge and Seattle Pacific University. Staying in left lane follow the sign to the Ballard Bridge/Emerson Street. At 3 way stop take a left onto a ½ circle viaduct and follow Emerson until you come to a 4 way flashing stop. Take a right onto W. Gilman that becomes W. Government Way. Follow until you come to the east entrance of the Park. The Visitor Center will be on the left.

Heading South on I-5: Take the 45th Street Exit and head west (right). Follow 45th going west and stay to the right. 45th becomes 46th Avenue North. Follow 46th until it becomes Market Street. Continue on Market until you reach 15th Avenue NW. Go left on 15th Avenue NW, following it over the Ballard Bridge. Take the first right after the bridge onto Emerson Street. Take a right onto W. Gilman at the 4 way flashing light. That becomes W. Government Way. Follow until you come to the East entrance of the Park. The Visitor Center will be on the left.

Heading North on Hwy 99: Follow 99 to the Western Avenue exit. Head north on Western to Elliott. Elliott becomes 15th Avenue W. Follow 15th to the Dravus Street exit. At stoplight take a left onto Dravus. Take a right onto 20th Avenue W. 20th will become Gilman Avenue W. at 4 way stop. Gilman Avenue W. then becomes W. Government Way. Follow until you come to the East entrance of the Park. The Visitor Center will be on the left.

From Downtown Seattle: Go west on Denny Way to Elliott and follow directions for Highway 99.

From Ballard: Follow direction from 15th Avenue NW to Ballard Bridge.



On The Day of Your Discovery Park Visit

TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO FIELD TRIP:

- ❑ Have check into the Discovery Park registrar for amount of program

ONE WEEK PRIOR TO FIELD TRIP:

- ❑ Copy the Chaperone Information page for every chaperone and fill in details.
- ❑ Copy directions to the park for all drivers.
- ❑ Review rules and expectations with students.
- ❑ Send note home with all students stating that Discovery Park programs are rain or shine, so that they are dressed appropriately.

BEFORE LEAVING SCHOOL:

- ❑ Assign specific students to each chaperone using the Chaperone Information page.
- ❑ Get an accurate count of your students and chaperones

AT DISCOVERY PARK:

Students should remain inside vehicles until teacher goes inside to get specific instructions. Some programs begin at another part of the park.

All groups should arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of their program to ensure that there is enough time for all participants to use the restroom facility and prepare for the program.

Planning your Discovery Park Visit

We are glad to have you participating in a Discovery Park program. The following information will help you plan your visit, so please read everything thoroughly. If you have additional questions, please contact the registrar, at (206) 733-9434 or at discover@seattle.gov

Lunch

You are welcome to stay at Discovery Park for lunch. The classrooms may be open to school groups, depending on availability. Check with the registrar in advance. If you choose to use a room at the Visitor Center, please remember to throw all lunches away, to vacuum the room after use and to carry trash bags to the trash can.

